

**Sarasota County Public Utilities, your drinking water provider, has an important public notification for you. A water outage has caused an interruption in your area today. You are receiving this message because Sarasota County Public Utilities is issuing a precautionary boil water advisory to all customers affected by this service interruption. While the county has no reason to believe your drinking water was contaminated, Florida law requires that drinking water providers issue precautionary boil water advisories to customers affected by pressure losses in water mains. This is a routine precaution, and there is no need to be alarmed. Over the next several days, the county will collect a series of samples in the affected area and analyze them to ensure your drinking water wasn't contaminated by potentially harmful bacteria during the service interruption. Once the county has completed its analysis, you will notified by another automated telephone call that the boil water advisory has been cancelled. While the advisory is in effect, the county advises you to boil all tap water intended for drinking, preparation of food, washing of food utensils or for first aid, making sure the water is brought to a rolling boil for 1 minute. Boiling your tap water disinfects it, destroying any harmful microorganisms. Of course, bottled water can be used as an alternative to boiling your tap water. Please share this information with your neighbors in case they fail to receive this notification. If you have any questions or would like more information regarding this message, please call Sarasota County Public Utilities Customer Service at 941-861-6790. Thank you.**